

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/705,447  
Filing Date : 11/03/2000  
First Named Inventor : Nicolae Miron  
Attorney Docket No. : 2965/MIRON/US  
Confirmation No. : 7879  
Examiner : Michael A. Lyons  
Art Unit : 2877

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

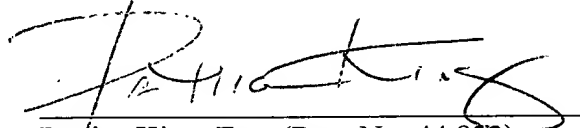
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))    | \$ _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$ _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$ _____          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$ 2,160.00 _____ |

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$ 1,080.00 \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted for Applicant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrice King", written over a horizontal line.

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